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SUBJECT: PRODUCT OPPORTUNITY - RESEARCH REACTOR INSTRUMENTATION

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1. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED E/C COUNSELOR MARCH 11 THAT CONSORTIUM OF THREE FRENCH COMPANIES, INCLUDING ASTHOM AND ATELIER DE CONSTRUCTION DE BRETAGNE, HAS ASKED TURKISH ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (TAEC) TO GIVE THEM UNTIL MAY 15 TO BID ON PLANNED EXPANSION OF TR-2 REACTOR AT CEKMECE RESEARCH CENTER IN ISTANBUL. TAEC, WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE DECIDED MARCH 12 BETWEEN FAIREY ENGINEERING UK AND JOINT GENERAL ATOMIC - BELGONUCLEAIRE (GA-BN) PROPOSALS, HAS AGREED TO EXTENSION. BELGONUCLEAIRE HAS INFORMED TAEC THAT IT ACCEPTS THE EXTENSION.

2. FRENCH CONSORTIUM HAS OFFERED COMPLETE PROJECT FOR TL 47 MILLION (\$2.686 MILLION) INCLUDING INSTRUMENTATION. (IF FRENCH WERE GIVEN THE JOB, THERE WOULD BE NO ROLE FOR GENERAL ATOMIC.) FRENCH ARE NOW PREPARING TECHNICAL DETAILS. ENTRY OF FRENCH
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CONSORTIUM FOLLOWS RECENT MISSION OF FRENCH BUSINESSMEN TO TURKEY.

3. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR UNDERSTANDS THAT TAEC SECRETARY GENERAL ERENER HAS REQUESTED BOTH BRITISH AND FRENCH TO PROVIDE BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTATION COMPARABLE TO WHAT HAS BEEN OFFERED BY

GA-BN.

4. COMMENT: DEVALUATION OF TURKISH LIRA ON MARCH 1 MAY AFFECT FINAL TAEC DECISION. LIRA WAS DEVALUED 5 PERCENT AGAINST FRENCH FRANC, 6 PERCENT AGAINST U.S. DOLLAR, NEARLY 8 PERCENT AGAINST BELGIAN FRANC AND 14 PERCENT AGAINST BRITISH POUND.

5. EMBASSY SUGGESTS SIPS MAY WISH TO PASS ABOVE INFORMATION TO GENERAL ATOMIC ALONG WITH NOTICE TO CHESWORTH AND OAKES (REFTEL) THAT PREQUALIFICATIONS FOR BIDDING ON THEPROPOSED RESEARCH REACTOR NEAR ANKARA ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MARCH 28.
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